

Evangelism Class 4 Sharing Scripture

Last week Sonny Makin shared a powerful story with me that I shamelessly used to bait you into coming back this week to hear...so let me keep my promise...

Knowing that God loves lost people both theologically and personally from our own experience and having begun a conversation by asking questions (remember the conversation starter questions) and listening to their responses, and having asked, "If what you were believing were not true, would you want to know?" If you obtain permission to continue, you can share scriptures that may open eyes and hearts. Heb 4:12 God's word is powerful. Did you ever read the Bible before you believed? Then after you believed did the Bible seem different to you? 1 Cor 2:14 The difference is the Spirit of God. According to this scripture we cannot understand the things of the Spirit apart from the Spirit. We cannot make someone understand God's love...only the Holy Spirit can. God's Spirit will move people's hearts through God's Word.

Bill Fay in chapter 5, speaks of two principles

First, from Rom 10:17 "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God."

Second, comes from Luke 10:26, which describes Jesus' approach to a man who was reading the Torah. Jesus asked the man, "How do you read it?" In other words, "What does it say to you?" This is not an argument. Our job is to share scripture, ask questions and listen...and let God do what God will do.

Fay lists 9 scriptures but cautions us that we may not need or feel compelled to use them all. He suggests that we write the next reference on the top of the page of the one before...written so that you can read it while the person reads the Bible...so from the reader's perspective upside down. So that one, the page where John 3:16 can be found, at the top of the page written so that you can read it while they actually read John 3:16, write Rom 3:23, and on the page where Rom 3:23 is found, write at the top of the page Rom 6:23, and so on.

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John 3:16 God loves you

Rom 3:23 All are sinners

Rom 6:23 The wages of sin is death

1 Cor 15:3,4 Christ died and rose for our sins

John 1:12 God's remedy for sin

Rev 3:20 All may be saved

Now let us take a few minutes to write across the top of the pages the references to the next scripture so that while having someone read the scripture we can read the reference to the next scripture.

He suggests that we have the person read the verses out loud. Then he suggests we ask, "What does that say to you?"

If someone does not understand the Scripture he suggests that we simply ask them to read it again and then ask them again "What does this say to you?"

Now choose someone and with your Bible ask them to read the scripture, starting with John 3:16 and ask the question. Ask a couple of questions after reading a couple of scriptures, then switch roles. I want you to experience using the Bible in this way with a real person and then I want to ask you a question.